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**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is the utility patent application of Ross Suydam HEITKAMP for SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR RELIABLY SELECTING BUS MASTERSHIP IN A FAULT TOLERANT MANNER.

Also enclosed are:

- 6 sheet(s) of formal informal drawing(s);
- claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is hereby made to _____ filed in _____ on _____;
- in the declaration;
- a certified copy of the priority document;
- a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;
- applicant(s) is/are entitled to Small Entity Status;
- an Assignment document and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet;
- an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449; and
- Other: Request for Non-Publication;
- An executed unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)
 - also is enclosed will follow.
- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _____ filed in _____ on _____; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--
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The filing fee has been calculated as follows and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00
Total Claims	31	Minus 20 =	11	x \$18.00 =	198.00
Ind. Claims	8	Minus 3 =	5	x \$ 80.00 =	400.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					
Total Application Fee					\$1,308.00
If Small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$1,308.00

This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.

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**REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION AND
CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122 (b)(2)(B)(i)**

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Sir:

As an authorized agent of the above-identified applicant(s), the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. §122(b).

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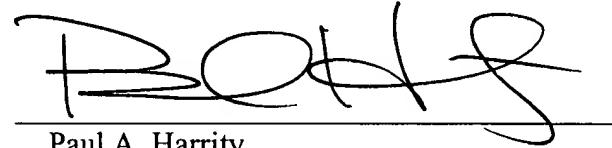
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